GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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``PRODUCTION OF GAS IN ASSAM``
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total volume of associated gas produced and volume flared annually during the last three years in Assam indicating value of such gas flared;

(b) utility pattern of such associated gas including production of CNG/cooking gas and other petrochemical products;

(c) the present percentage of utilization of the unfiared gas component-wise;

(d) plan of the Government, if any, for productive utilization of this national asset including investment proposals made by the Ministry; and

(e) quantum of carbon emitted to the environment by the flared gas?

Answer

MINISTER of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (e) Total volume of associated gas produced, flared and value of the flared gas in Assam during last three years is as under:-

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Gas Production (MMSCM)	1735.46	1670.33	1688.42
Gas Flared (MMSCM)	197.56	168.25	203.24
Value Flared Gas (Rs. in Crores)	35.6	41.43	52.6

Natural gas utility pattern is in LPG extraction, power generation, industrial fuel,fertilizers use, petrochemicals, tea gardens & other industries. 0.65% is for internal use by ONGC and remaining part of gas is being flared for technical reasons and sometimes due to less gas offtake by buyers. In case of Oil India Limited, internal use of gas is about 17% of the production.

For maximum utilization of gas several steps are being taken, including agreement to supply gas to Assam Gas Company Limited under direct marketing in Assam, installation of hired gas compressors at Geleki Group Gathering Station (GGS)-III, Lakwa GGS-II and RDS GGS-I. One compressor at Geleki is already commissioned and integration of Geleki, Lakwa and Rudrasagar gas compressor plants under revamping project.

Government is conscious of the carbon emitted by the flared gas.